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## Value of Washington's 2014 Agricultural Production Totals \$10.1 Billion

The value of Washington's 2014 agricultural production reached \$10.1 billion, setting a new record high. This is less than 1 percent above both the 2013 and 2012 revised figures.

Despite two consecutive double-digit percentage declines, apples remain the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2014 value of \$1.90 billion. Apples represented 19 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 21 percent in 2013. Milk remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.63 billion dollars in 2014. This was up 25 percent from 2013. Cattle and Calves, valued at \$820 million, moved up two spots to number three. This represents a 15 percent increase from the previous year. Potato value of production dropped 3 percent to \$771 million but remained fourth in the State ranking. Wheat rounds out the top five, dropping two spots from 2013. The value of wheat in 2014 totaled \$715 million, down 30 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$5.83 billion, or 58 percent of the 2014 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2013 had a combined value of \$5.95 billion, or 59 percent of the total value.

Record high values of production were established for four of the top ten Washington commodities, including milk, cattle and calves, grapes, and pears. The value of hops, although not a record high, increased 18 percent from 2013. There were other commodities outside the top ten that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Egg production, with a value of \$177 million in 2014, increased 20 percent from the previous year. Blueberry value increased 57 percent from 2013 to \$113 million in 2014. The value of wrinkled seed peas, at \$12.2 million, more than tripled from the previous year. Three of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year, including apples, potatoes, and wheat. Other notable commodities that declined in value in 2014 were dry onions, down 19 percent to \$134 million; barley, down 61 percent to \$22.3 million; lentils, down 30 percent to \$16.6 million; and mint oil, down 20 percent to \$67.9 million.

## Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Washington: 2012-2014

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2014 / 2013
	2014	2013	2012	2013	2014	
			(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Apples .....	1	1	2,482,350	2,133,995	1,895,887	-11.2
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	1,159,524	1,298,880	1,626,248	25.2
Cattle and Calves .....	3	5	658,787	715,458	820,392	14.7
Potatoes .....	4	4	700,362	792,000	771,210	-2.6
Wheat .....	5	3	1,162,209	1,014,032	714,857	-29.5
Hay, all .....	6	6	625,982	675,050	702,702	4.1
Cherries, all .....	7	7	499,148	385,198	509,660	32.3
Grapes, all .....	8	8	249,088	277,508	301,845	8.8
Pears, all .....	9	9	205,734	225,392	233,824	3.7
Hops .....	10	10	144,043	184,938	217,300	17.5
Total value of production, all commodities .....			10,078,830	10,061,203	10,119,352	0.6

<sup>1</sup> Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

# Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Washington: 2013-2014

Item and unit	Rank among States		Washington's production		Leading State
	2014	2013	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(units)	(percent)	
<b>Field crops</b>					
Hops ..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	55,861	78.7	Washington
Spearmint oil ..... 1,000 pounds	1	1	1,938	69.6	Washington
Wrinkled seed peas ..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	480	77.7	Washington
Potatoes, fall ..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	101,475	25.1	Idaho
Peppermint oil ..... 1,000 pounds	3	1	1,500	26.4	Oregon
Lentils ..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	550	16.3	Montana
Dry edible peas ..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	1,672	9.7	Montana
Wheat, all ..... 1,000 bushels	5	4	108,460	5.4	North Dakota
Barley ..... 1,000 bushels	6	4	6,300	3.5	Idaho
Dry edible beans ..... 1,000 cwt	6	6	1,935	6.6	North Dakota
Haylage, all ..... 1,000 tons	12	11	758	2.4	Wisconsin
Hay, all ..... 1,000 tons	17	16	3,234	2.3	Texas
<b>Fruit crops</b>					
Apples, all ..... tons	1	1	3,650,000	63.9	Washington
Grapes, Concord ..... tons	1	1	260,000	51.5	Washington
Sweet cherries ..... tons	1	1	237,000	65.1	Washington
Pears, all ..... tons	1	1	416,000	50.0	Washington
Grapes, Niagara ..... tons	1	3	25,000	35.6	Washington
Nectarines ..... tons	2	2	12,300	6.0	California
Apricots ..... tons	2	2	9,300	14.3	California
Grapes, all ..... tons	2	2	512,000	6.6	California
Prunes and plums ..... tons	2	3	2,700	18.2	Oregon
Tart cherries ..... tons	3	3	12,150	8.0	Michigan
Peaches ..... tons	7	7	12,500	1.5	California
<b>Vegetable crops</b>					
Green peas, processing ..... tons	1	1	118,440	32.6	Washington
Sweet corn, processing ..... tons	2	2	692,600	27.0	Minnesota
Onions, all summer ..... 1,000 cwt	3	3	13,800	21.3	California
Asparagus, all ..... cwt	3	3	182,000	24.5	California
Sweet corn, fresh market ..... 1,000 cwt	4	5	1,817	7.2	California
<b>Berry crops</b>					
All raspberries ..... 1,000 pounds	2	2	72,990	31.6	California
Blueberries, cultivated ..... 1,000 pounds	3	3	94,600	16.4	Michigan
Cranberries ..... barrels	5	5	156,000	1.9	Wisconsin
Strawberries ..... cwt	5	5	99,000	0.3	California
<b>Livestock</b>					
Trout, value of fish sold ..... dollars	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	Idaho
Milk ..... million pounds	10	10	6,584	3.2	California
Milk cows ..... head	10	11	277,000	2.9	California
Honey ..... 1,000 pounds	14	14	2,992	1.7	North Dakota
Eggs ..... million eggs	16	16	1,950	2.0	Iowa
Chickens, (excluding broilers) ..... 1,000 head	18	17	8,414	1.8	Iowa
Sheep and lambs ..... head	27	27	52,000	1.0	Texas
Cattle and calves, all ..... head	29	27	1,150,000	1.3	Texas

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